

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A blow-molded container ~~characterized in that a container comprises~~ comprising:
  - a cylindrical ~~body,~~ body;
  - a neck disposed in the upper portion of said ~~body,~~ body; and
  - a bottom disposed in the lower portion of said body, ~~and is obtained~~ wherein said container is formed by a direct blow molding process ~~utilizing~~ using a split mold, which has a mold parting face perpendicular to the mold-clamping direction and splits into front and rear mold halves, and in which a blow ratio in the range of 1 to 3 is set in the direction of mold parting lines formed by said mold parting face in a plan view showing a body portion ~~right~~ above said bottom, wherein
    - a bottom parting line is formed ~~on underside~~ on an underside surface of said bottom by a linear pinch-off line, which is formed by pinch-off blades disposed at pinch-off section of said split mold, a pair of said mold parting lines formed on the right and left sides of a peripheral zone, and a pair of connecting lines that ~~connects~~ connect the right and left ends of said pinch-off line to inner ends of said right and left mold parting lines, wherein
      - ~~all or these portions of~~ said connecting lines ~~that lie~~ adjacent to said pinch-off line are formed by end parting faces located at right and left ends of the pinch-off section of said split mold so that a pair of ~~roughly~~ substantially right-angled bent corners is formed by ~~all or these adjacent portions of~~ said connecting lines and said pinch-off line, wherein

said split mold ~~permits~~ forms flash lines ~~to develop~~ on the underside surface of said bottom ~~but to that~~ extend only from the center of the underside surface to said bent corners.

2. (Currently Amended) The blow-molded container ~~according to Claim 1 of~~ claim 1, wherein a blow ratio larger than 1.6 is set.

3. (Currently Amended) The blow-molded container ~~according to Claim 1 of~~ claim 1, wherein a blow ratio of 1.6 or less is set.

4. (Currently Amended) The blow-molded container ~~according to Claim of~~ claim 1, wherein said bent corners have a step height or facial width at least nearly twice ~~as much as~~ the wall thickness of ~~parison~~ a parison ~~to be used~~ for blow molding.

5. (Currently Amended) The blow-molded container ~~according to Claim 1 of~~ claim 1, wherein

the pinch-off line passing the center of the underside surface of the bottom is disposed so as to form a certain central ~~angle~~ angle,  $\alpha$ , with the direction of the mold parting lines, wherein

the connecting lines are formed by connecting ~~roughly~~ substantially linearly the right and left ends of said pinch-off line with the inner ends of respective right and left mold parting lines, and wherein

the bottom parting line is formed ~~almost~~ substantially axisymmetrically around the center of said underside surface.

6. (Currently Amended) The blow-molded container ~~according to Claim 5 of~~ claim 5, wherein said central angle,  $\alpha$ , is set at 45 degrees or less.

7. (Currently Amended) The blow-molded container ~~according to Claim 1 of~~ claim 1, wherein the pinch-off line passing the center of the underside surface of the bottom has the same direction as that of the mold parting ~~lines~~ lines, and wherein bent corners are

formed in ~~roughly~~ substantially symmetrical positions and are bent from the right and left ends of said pinch-off line.

8. (Currently Amended) The blow-molded container ~~according to Claim 1 of claim 1, which is said container~~ used as a primary molded product ~~and is and~~ molded into a biaxially drawn, blow-molded container.

9. (Currently Amended) The blow-molded container ~~according to Claim 1 of claim 1~~, wherein the container wall has a laminated structure.

10. (Currently Amended) The blow-molded container ~~according to Claim 9 of claim 9~~, wherein the ~~container wall of a~~ laminated structure comprises at least an outer layer made of a synthetic resin and an inner layer made of another synthetic resin having low compatibility with the synthetic resin of which the outer layer is made.

11. (Currently Amended) A mold for ~~use in~~ blow molding ~~characterized in that a container including a cylindrical body, a neck disposed in an upper portion of the body, and a bottom disposed in a lower portion of the body, the mold comprising:~~

a split mold ~~has a~~ having a mold parting face perpendicular to the mold-clamping direction, said split mold splits ~~split~~ into front and rear mold halves, ~~and; and~~

~~has a mold a mold~~ pinch-off section, ~~which is section used to pinch off parison off a parison and is and~~ provided with pinch-off blades ~~on bottom on a bottom surface of bottom of of a bottom of a mold cavity, wherein~~

a bottom parting line is formed, in the cross-sectional plan view of said split mold in its closed state, by a linear pinch-off line, ~~which is line~~ formed on the bottom surface by the pinch-off ~~blades; blades~~, said pinch-off line including:

a pair of mold parting lines formed by said mold parting face on the right and left peripheries; and

a pair of connecting lines that ~~connects~~connect the right and left ends of said pinch-off line ~~with the~~to inner ends of said right and left mold parting lines, ~~and~~  
wherein

~~all or these portions of~~ said connecting lines ~~that lie~~ adjacent to said pinch-off line are formed by end parting faces located at right and left ends of the pinch-off ~~line of~~section of said split mold so that a pair of ~~roughly~~substantially right-angled bent corners is formed by ~~all or these adjacent portions of~~ said connecting lines and said pinch-off line.

12. (Currently Amended) The mold ~~for use in blow molding, according to Claim of claim~~ 11, wherein said bent corners have a step height or facial width at least nearly twice ~~as much as the wall thickness of parison to be of the parison~~ used for blow molding.

13. (Currently Amended) The mold ~~for use in blow molding, according to Claim of claim~~ 11, wherein

the pinch-off line passing the center of the bottom surface of the bottom of the mold cavity is disposed in the direction forming a certain central ~~angle with~~angle,  $\alpha$ , the direction of the mold parting lines in the cross-sectional plan view of said split mold in its closed state, wherein

the connecting lines are formed by connecting ~~almost~~substantially linearly the right and left ends of said pinch-off line with the inner ends of respective right and left mold parting lines, and wherein

the bottom parting line is formed ~~almost~~substantially axisymmetrically around the center of said bottom surface.

14. (Currently Amended) The mold ~~for use in blow molding, according to Claim of claim~~ 13, wherein said central ~~angle is~~angle,  $\alpha$ , is set at 45 degrees or less.

15. (Currently Amended) The mold ~~for use in blow molding, according to Claim~~  
of claim 11, wherein the pinch-off line passing the center of the bottom surface of the bottom  
of the mold cavity, in the cross-sectional plan view of the split mold in its closed state, has the  
same direction as that of the mold parting ~~lines~~ lines, and wherein bent corners are formed in  
~~roughly~~ substantially symmetrical positions and are bent from the right and left ends of said  
pinch-off line.